

# SENATE, No. 190

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

“Combat to College Act”; grants priority course registration to military service members and veterans attending public institutions of higher education.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1    **AN ACT** concerning military service members and veterans at public  
2        institutions of higher education and supplementing chapter 62 of  
3        Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

5       **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
6       *of New Jersey:*

8        1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Combat to  
9        College Act.”

11      2.    a. As used in this section:

“Service member” means an individual who is serving on active duty as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, a Reserve component thereof, or the National Guard.

15 “Veteran” means an individual who served on active duty in the  
16 Armed Forces of the United States, a Reserve component thereof, or  
17 the National Guard, and who was honorably discharged or released  
18 under honorable circumstances from active service.

b. A service member or veteran who is living in New Jersey and attending a public institution of higher education shall be granted priority in registering for courses at the public institution of higher education. Priority course registration shall occur using the same procedures used by other segments of the student population, if any, that are offered priority registration by the institution.

26       3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to  
27       the first full academic year following the date of enactment.

30 STATEMENT

32 This bill provides that military service members and veterans  
33 who live in New Jersey and attend a public institution of higher  
34 education will be granted priority in registering for courses at the  
35 public institution of higher education. The priority registration  
36 benefit applies to current military service members serving on  
37 active duty and to veterans who were honorably discharged or  
38 released under honorable circumstances from active service.  
39 Priority course registration for service members and veterans will  
40 occur using the same procedures used by other segments of the  
41 student population, if any, that are offered priority registration by  
42 the institution.